



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### GENERAL JOHN W. HANDY



Gen. John W. Handy is vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As vice chief, and subject to the authority, direction and control of the chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force, he presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Requirements Oversight Council.

The general was commissioned in 1967 and received his pilot wings in 1968. He has commanded the 21st Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base; the Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center; as well as two airlift wings and a maintenance squadron. He has served as the Air Force's director of programs and evaluations, as the director of operations and logistics for U.S. Transportation Command, and in numerous headquarters-level staff positions. The general is a command pilot with more than 4,800 flying hours, principally in airlift aircraft. As a C-130 pilot, he logged more than 300 combat hours in Southeast Asia. The general assumed his current position in April 2000.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1966 Bachelor's degree in history, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N.C.
- 1972 Squadron Officer School
- 1979 Air Command and Staff College
- 1979 Master's degree in systems management, University of Southern California
- 1982 Air War College
- 1984 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
- 1993 Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1967 - February 1968, undergraduate pilot training, Webb Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1968 - September 1968, squadron assistant operations officer, 4449th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.
3. September 1968 - February 1969, commander, Headquarters Squadron, 4442nd Combat Crew Training Wing, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.
4. February 1969 - December 1969, C-130E pilot, 62nd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.
5. December 1969 - December 1970, C-130E aircraft commander, 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Ching Chuan Kang Air Base, Taiwan
6. December 1970 - April 1974, instructor pilot, 62nd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
7. April 1974 - September 1976, C-130 exchange officer and C-130H aircraft commander, 1137th U.S. Air Force Special Activity Office, Auckland, New Zealand

8. September 1976 - November 1979, C-141 and C-5 aircraft maintenance officer, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
9. February 1980 - July 1981, C-130E instructor pilot, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
10. July 1981 - May 1982, operations officer, 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
11. May 1982 - August 1983, commander, 317th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
12. August 1983 - June 1984, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
13. June 1984 - January 1985, deputy chief of plans, Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
14. January 1985 - November 1985, chief, Logistics Budget Integration Office, Directorate of Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
15. November 1985 - April 1987, chief, Resources Division, Directorate of Programs and Resources, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
16. April 1987 - May 1989, deputy commander for operations, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
17. May 1989 - May 1990, commander, 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany
18. May 1990 - July 1991, commander, 437th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
19. July 1991 - December 1991, assistant deputy chief of staff for force applications, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Transportation, Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
20. December 1991 - July 1993, commander, Airlift Control Center, Headquarters Military Airlift Command, later, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
21. July 1993 - March 1995, director of operations and logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
22. March 1995 - July 1997, director of programs and evaluations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
23. July 1997 - October 1998, commander, 21st Air Force, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
24. October 1998 - April 2000, deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
25. April 2000 - present, vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,800

Aircraft flown: C-130, C-7A, C-141, C-9, KC-10 and C-17

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Antarctica Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1992 Honorary doctor of humanities, Methodist College

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jan 4, 1967
First Lieutenant	Jul 4, 1968
Captain	Jan 4, 1970
Major	Apr 2, 1978
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 1, 1981
Colonel	Nov 1, 1984
Brigadier General	Oct 1, 1991
Major General	Sep 28, 1994
Lieutenant General	Aug 1, 1997
General	Jul 1, 2000

(Current as of July 2000)